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5. *Repeal.*—The Pudukkottai Inam Rules, 1888, and all the orders and rules relating to inams issued or made by the former Pudukkottai Durbar are hereby repealed.

6. *Saving.*—Nothing in this Act shall apply to the two Jaghirs, Manovirthi and Chinnaranmanai.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide item V on page 424 supra.)]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

(As approved by the Chairman.)

The Select Committee met in the Congress Party Room, **Fort** St. George, at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd August 1955. The following members were present :—

(1) Hon. Dr. P. V. Cheriain (*Chairman*).
(2) Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
(3) Sri A. M. Allapitchai.
(4) Sri T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
(5) Sri P. P. Ummer Koya.
(6) Sri T. Purushotham.
(7) Sri G. Krishnamoorthi.

The Secretary to the Council was also present.

The Select Committee went through the amendments proposed and approved of the same as introduced.

The Committee authorized the Chairman to sign the report and present it to the Council for its acceptance.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd August 1955.

A. J. SABESA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Council.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
MADRAS.

The Select Committee appointed to consider the amendments to the Madras Legislative Council Rules has the honour to make the following report.

2. The Committee was appointed on the 9th August 1955.

3. The Committee met in the Congress Party Room, Fort St. George, at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd August 1955, and considered the amendments. The Committee, after some discussion, adopted the amendments as introduced. The amendments as adopted by the Committee are shown in the Annexure.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd August 1955.

P. V. CHERIAN,
Chairman.

[24th August 1955

Annexure.

Add *the following new rule after rule* 178 :—

" 178-*A*. (1) *The Committee shall have power to require the attendance of persons or the production of papers or records, if such a course is considered necessary for the discharge of its duties.*

Provided that Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would not be in the public interest.

(2) *A witness may be summoned by an order signed by the Secretary and shall produce such documents as are required for the use of the Committee.*

(3) *It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to treat any evidence tendered before it as secret or confidential.*"

Appendix VI.

[Vide item VI on page 425 supra.]

L.A. BILL No. 12 OF 1955.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill to remove certain doubts in the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1932 (*Madras Act XXII of* 1933), *in regard to sthanams and sthanam properties.*

Whereas doubts have arisen about the true legal character of certain properties which are erroneously claimed to be or regarded as sthanam properties, but which are properties of the tarwad, the male members of which are entitled to succeed to the sthanam and it is necessary to remove those doubts in respect of this question ;

Be it enacted in the Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. *Short title and application.*—(1) This Act may be called the Madras Marumakkathayam (Removal of Doubts) Act, 1955.

(2) It shall apply to all persons governed by the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1932 (Madras Act XXII of 1933).

2. *Certain kinds of sthanam properties declared to be tarwad properties.*—Notwithstanding any decision of Court, any sthanam in respect of which—

(*a*) there is or had been at any time an intermingling of the properties of the sthanam and the properties of the tarwad, or